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SUBJECT: LAPSE AND RENEGOTIATION OF AUSTRALIA/UNITED STATES AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE 731/2/1 OF JANUARY 1978:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THAT THE EMBASSY WILL BE AWARE THAT THE AUSTRALIA/UNITED STATES AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED ON 16 OCTOBER 1968 AND WAS INITIALLY OF FIVE YEARS DURATION. IT WAS EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER FIVE YEARS IN 1973. THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THE AGREEMENT WILL LAPSE IN OCTOBER 1978 UNLESS RENEWED.

" THE DEPARTMENT WOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE THE EMBASSY'S ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT FOR A FURTHER FIVE YEARS AND OF ANY CHANGES THAT THE EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO MAKE TO THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT OR ITS ASSOCIATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING."

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- 2. MAY WE ASSUME THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REFERRED TO CONCERNS THE JOINT BALLOON LAUNCH FACILITY?
- 3. DEPARTMENT AND NSF ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH SUITABLE INSTRUCTIONS TO ENABLE US TO REPLY TO THE SUBJECT NOTE.

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